(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) Government of India, in April 2005 has introduced a new scheme "Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) - Scheme of Rural Electricity Infrastructure & Household Electrification for providing access to electricity to all rural households in five years. The scheme would be implemented through the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC).

(d) and (e) Following steps have been taken to increase power supply:

(i) In order to avail assistance under RGGVY, the States, *inter-alia,* must make adequate arrangement for supply electricity and there should be no discrimination in the hours of supply between rural and urban households.

(ii) As per Electricity Act, 2003 the State Government shall endeavour to supply electricity to all areas including villages and hamlets.

(iii) Capacity addition of 1 lakh Mega Watt by 2012.

(iv) Strengthening of transmission system by Power Grid Corporation (India) Ltd.

Long term power purchase agreement betwen PTC and IPP

2468. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Power Trading Corporation (PTC) is planning to enter into long-term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Independent Power Producers (IPP);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that PTC is planning to acquire equity strakes in Green Field Power Projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is part of the business model of PTC and India Ltd. (PTC) to enter into long-term power purchase agreements with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) for onward sale to State Electricity Boards (SEBs), their successor entities or any other major consumer. On date, PTC has finalized PPA's with various project developers for project aggregating to 2505.8 MWs.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. PTC has agreed to consider participation in Green Field Power Projects in a 300 MW Thermal Power Project with a ceiling of Rs. 30 crore.

Electrification of villages in U.P.

† 2469. SHRI NAND KISHORE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of such villages in Uttar Pradesh where there is no electricity as on date;

(b) by when the full work of electrification in Uttar Pradesh would be carried out; and

(c) the hindrances coming in the way of electrification of villages in Uttar Pradesh and the steps being taken to remove these hindrances?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) As reported by the Government of Uttar Pradesh to Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd (REC, the district-wise number of un-electrified villages is given in the Statement (See below).

(b) and (c) The rural electrification projects are implemented by the concerned State Electricity Boards/State power utilities in the respective States and Union Territories. However, for expediting electrification of un-electrified villages and households, a new scheme "Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY)" has been introduced in April, 2005, for providing access to electricity to all rural households in five years covering the entire country. No hindrances are coming in the way of electrification of villages in Uttar Pradesh.

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